



388 New Britain Road

1895

J. Eugene Stevens

Victorian

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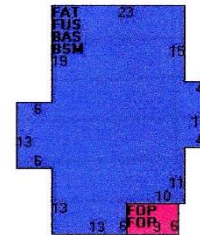
current owners: Dorothy Bruce

Victorian

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1895 current owner: Judith & Paul Zaczkowski

Sketch



**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
HIST-6 NEW 5/77


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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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#118

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION		DESCRIPTION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic) J. Eugene Stevens House	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin	Kensington	Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		9-1/24A/57	
388-90 New Britain Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Bruce, Dorothy G. 388 New Britain Rd., Kensington 06037		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)		(Historic) Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Victorian Vernacular		c. 1895	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		23' x 44'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In a mixed light industrial/ residential area north of Kensington Center.			

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:			
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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)		
	<p>The J. Eugene Stevens House has a double-gable facade and two gable roofed side ell. The two-bay facade is formed by a large central gable and a lower nested gable projection to the left. The entry is in the right bay, sheltered by a later two-story framed in porch. The original entry door has a single large light over panels. Windows have wide plain board surrounds and are fitted with 1-over-1 sash. All four gables are similarly decorated. They feature modified fishscale shingles, small attic windows, and simple vergeboards on jigsaw brackets. The main (right) front gable also has a decorative panel in the peak with a sun-burst design. The left ell has cut-away corners on the two lower stories, with the overhanging attic supported on large curved braces.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT		BUILDER
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE		
	<p>The J. Eugene Stevens House is significant as a large and well-preserved example of the Victorian Vernacular genre. Ornamental woodwork, the hallmark of the style, is present in the decorative shingles, brackets and vergeboards of the gable peaks. Wooden ornamentation, once the expensive product of hand labor, was made affordable by 19th-century advances in lathes, mechanical saws, drills, and other wood-forming tools. Often locally produced in small carpenter's shops, it allowed builders to lend an individual touch to even simple and inexpensive homes. The basic plan of the Stevens House is a slight variation on the gable-and-ell configuration, one of the 19th century's most durable dwelling types.</p> <p>J. Eugene Stevens built this house about 1895 on land purchased from William W. Norton. Little could be discovered about Stevens.</p>		
RES	Berlin Land Records 44:239 (1894)		